

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (currently amended) A spinning top comprising a unitary one-piece body and a stem, the stem being movable between a first position in which the stem lies in a recess in the body substantially parallel to a main axis defined by the body, said recess extending through substantially the entire body in a direction substantially parallel to the main axis, and a second position in which the stem extends through an opening formed in the body, in a direction generally perpendicular to the main axis of the body, wherein the body defines an outer perimeter that is substantially continuous, and the stem includes a main portion and at least one transverse ~~[[arm]]~~ portion such that the stem has the shape of a cross.
2. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the opening through which the stem extends in the second position is provided generally through the center of the body.
3. (canceled)
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the stem is separable from the body.
8. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the main portion of the stem has a second transverse arm portion is elongated and is substantially perpendicular to the at least one transverse portion.
9. (canceled)
10. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim [[9]] 1, wherein the transverse [[arm]] portion is a pivot pin ~~provided on the stem and is~~ received in recesses formed in the body.
11. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim [[9]] 1, wherein the transverse [[arm]] portion includes two pivot pins, each in the form of a bridge connected at one end to the body and at the other end to the main portion of the stem.
12. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 1, further comprising an outer element formed with a hole generally in its center, which is removeably mounted on either the top or bottom of the body.

13. (original) A spinning top according to Claim 12, whereby two outer elements are provided, one of which is mounted on the top of the body, the other of which is mounted on the bottom of the body.
14. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 12 wherein the outer element is in the shape of a circular disk.
15. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 12, wherein the outer element extends over the majority of the top or bottom of the body.
16. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim 12, wherein the body is provided with a lip or flange ~~in which an edge of~~ for receiving the outer element ~~may be received~~.
17. (previously presented) A spinning top according to Claim 12, wherein the outer element is formed from a resilient material.
18. (canceled)
19. (canceled)
20. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the profile of the main portion of the stem varies along the length of the stem.

21. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim 20, wherein the main portion of the stem is provided with a portion of larger cross-sectional area approximately half way along its length.

22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim 20, wherein the main portion of the stem has a non-circular profile.

24. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the main portion of the stem is provided with a rounded, pyramidal or other pointed tip.

25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A spinning top according to Claim 1, wherein the main portion of the stem is formed with a handle portion or ribs.

27. (canceled)

28. (canceled)

29. (previously presented) A spinning top, comprising of:

a body and a stem, the stem being movable between a first position in which the stem lies in a first recess in the body substantially parallel to a main axis defined by the body, said first recess extending through substantially the entire body in a direction substantially parallel to the main axis, and a second position in which the stem extends through an opening formed in the body, in a direction generally perpendicular to the main axis of the body, and the stem including a main portion and at least one transverse ~~[[arm]]~~ portion;

a first latch member extending from the stem; and

a second latch member extending from the body, the first and second latch members being engageable to prevent rotation of the stem with respect to the body.

30. (previously presented) A spinning top according to claim 29, wherein the first latch is a tab extending from the stem and the second latch is a tab extending from the body, the first and second tabs abutting one another.

31. (canceled)

32. (canceled)

33. (currently amended) A spinning top according to claim ~~[[32]]~~ 29, wherein the body includes a second recess, the first recess receiving the ~~[[stem]]~~ main portion and the second recess receiving the transverse ~~recess arm~~ portion.

34. (currently amended) A spinning top according to claim 1, wherein the at least one transverse [[arm]] portion transverses at ~~extends from~~ the center of the main portion of the stem in a direction substantially perpendicular to the [[stem]] main portion.

35. (currently amended) A spinning top according to claim 29, wherein the at least one transverse [[arm]] portion transverses at ~~extends from~~ the center of the main portion of the stem in a direction substantially perpendicular to the [[stem]] main portion.

36. (new) A spinning top according to claim 29, wherein the stem has the shape of a cross.